

# ANNE GROS

Vosne Romanée

Burgundy

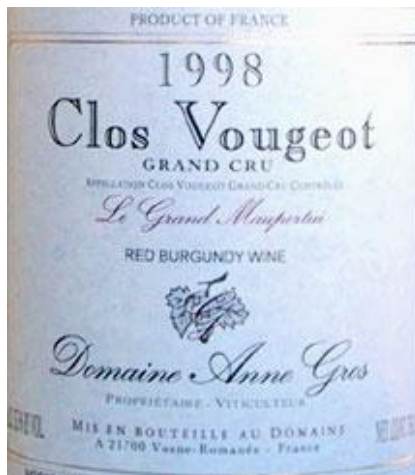
**A**nne Gros took over her father's domaine in 1988 and she now runs things almost single-handedly. Anne inherited spectacularly-situated vineyards which had been sadly neglected.

Today, things are different. Of the four estates into which the Gros holdings have been splintered, hers is arguably in the best form. Everything from Bourgogne to Grand Cru is handled with a meticulousness and a sensitivity to flavor that are overwhelmingly convincing.

It seems almost as though each year Anne's wines get better. She describes her approach as "experimental" and that is the key to this sort of year-by-year improvement. How many growers, blessed with her vineyards and insatiable demand, would keep struggling with themselves, their vines and their barrels to achieve ever-higher ideals? Since 1999, a beautiful new cuverie provides an ample work space.

Anne's Bourgogne is a model Pinot Noir for its price. Even this wine sees newish barrels and displays the sweetness of fruit and clarity of flavors that typify Anne Gros wines as a whole. In 1998, an exciting Bourgogne Chardonnay joined the ranks. Anne says she has only recently learned how to get the most out of her parcel of Chambolle-Musigny, a frost- and humidity-pocket adjacent to both upper Clos Vougeot and Musigny. Her Vosne Romanée parcel lies just above the trio of Richebourg ("les Verailles" section, where Anne's Grand Cru is also located), Brulée and Cros Parantoux ... and tastes it!

The estate's morsel of Clos Vougeot is one of the choicest, the so-called "Grand Moupertuis" bordering Grands Echezeaux. Some of the vines are near to if not one hundred years old, producing small but regular yields of top-quality fruit.



"Anne Gros produces the raciest wines of any in the [Gros] family."

*la revue du vin de France* 10/98

"These [wines] - just five in all spanning the range from generic Bourgogne Rouge to Grand Cru - are excellent."

**Remington Norman,**

The Great Domains of Burgundy

"Anne Gros has bought out her father Francois' interest in this estate and is making superextracted, black, deeply layered, intense wines. ..."

**Pierre Rovani, The Wine Advocate**

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"Gros is consistently one of the best sources for classic, fresh Vosne ..."

**Stephen Tanzer, Int'l. Wine Cellar**

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**Bourgogne Chardonnay**  
**Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits**  
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Vosne Romanée "Les Barreaux"  
**Chambolle-Musigny**

"Combe d'Oreux"  
**Clos Vougeot**  
"Le Grand Moupertuis"

**Richebourg**

Variety: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay  
Total acreage: 15 acres.

*Acreage has recently expanded to incorporate new plantings of both Pinot and Chardonnay in The Hautes Côtes.*

Average production: 2,000 cases.

Highlights: *Flashy wines marked by excellent extraction and new oak ... but not lacking site-specificity, subtlety or tenderness either!*

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